FY2001 YOUTHBUILD AWARD GRANTEES

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Applicant	City	Awarded
Co-Opportunity, Inc.	Hartford	\$499,995.00

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The City of New Britain, Department of Municipal Development, New Britain, CT, a non-profit organization established in 1994, will receive a Youthbuild (YB) Implementation grant in the amount of \$400,000. This is the second time the organization has received YB funding.

The City of New Britain, Department of Municipal Development will recruit applicants for the YB program from the target community. Their recruitment efforts are targeted to attract a group of young people ages 16-24, 75% of which are high school dropouts and are a member of very low-income families.

The program will provide a comprehensive and integrated effort to increase the academic, leadership, and vocational skill level of trainees. The 50 selected participants will also be learning on-site construction skills by working in conjunction with the City of New Britain, and HUD-Multi-Family Division. The project calls for demolishing an entire block and the construction of five single-family homes along with a recreational facility. The homes will be sold to low income first time homebuyers.

The total cost of the YouthBuild program is \$400,000. Proposed cash and in-kind leveraging resources total \$144,767 in support of this program.

Key partners/contributing organizations include: Boys and Girls Club of New Britain, Mid-Connecticut Workforce Development, Human Resource Agency and other businesses and organizations assisting the applicant with their program.

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